

City Times

NEWSLETTER

🍀 LUCKY MARCH! 🍀

*"Luck is preparation meeting opportunity."
-Oprah Winfrey*

Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- [Spring Softball & Baseball signups](#): Coordinated via Parks & Recreation, through March
- [Tax Law, Genealogy Research, Crafts & More](#): Coordinated via Lawton Public Library, through March
- [Two Hearts Adoption Drive](#): 3/2/19 @Lawton Animal Welfare
- ["Barbershop at the Drive-Inn" Show](#): 3/9/19 @McMahon Memorial Auditorium
- [LPD Poker Run & Car Show](#): 3/30/19 @Comanche County



Michael Cleghorn began his tenure as Lawton City Manager on Feb. 11, 2019.

In introductory [Press interviews](#), Cleghorn spoke about the importance of community aesthetics, organizational mission and purpose, and more. Learn more about our new City leader [by clicking here.](#)



MARCH 2019
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
580.581.3301

The Mission of the City of Lawton is to provide efficient, effective and responsive services; promote a quality of life based on harmony and cooperation; and create leadership and opportunity for Southwest Oklahoma.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On your Years of Service!

FIVE YEARS

*Trent Ulrich, LPD
Danny Smith, LPD
David Kamont, LPD
David Folkert, LPD
Justin Williams, LPD*

TEN YEARS+

*Russell Boone, WWW
David Wiedeman, SSC
Jimmy Handley, WWW
Tyrone Webb, SSC
George Hennessee, Eng.
Curtis Undewood, LPD
Donald Pauley, LPD
Jason Mansel, SWC
John Mull, LPD
Richard Brown, WWM
William Alexander, LPD*

TWENTY YEARS+

*Darrin McKay, LFD
Eugene Ross, SWD
Michael Clark, LFD
James Schneider, LFD
Joseph Wheeler, LFD
Jesse Martinez, LPD
Donald Pestun, LPD
Gerald Nooner, LPD
Frank Jensen, CA
Russell Matthesen, LFD
Robert Puccino, LPD
Alberto Talavera, LPD
David Dixon, Electronics*



**HAPPY, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

March Employee Birthdays:

Anthony Crawford	James Watson	Richard Brown
David Rolando	Ronald Ellzey	Kelea Fisher
Robert Puccino	Kendra Denig	George Kroboth III
David Dixon	Tom Calhoun	Deborah Jones
Brandon Lejeune	Kevin McRae	Sherri Poolaw
Robert Meurant	Dwight Tanner	Michael Boudreaux
Danny Hamblin	Peter Goldring	Robert Hinkle
Mike McDaniel	Nelson Tsatoke	Russell Stobaugh
Johnathon Nix	Damon Bybee	Jim Bonnarens
Christopher French	Tonya Criger	Sandra Malicoat
Wilfred Skiffington	Kyle Elam	Michele Stallcup
Sharon Thompson	Joel Abbe	Michael Andersen
Anthony Birchfield	Ryan Wells	Traci Hushbeck
Madison Leonhart	Elijah Hoyt	Matthew Godwin
Charlotte Brown	Daniel Lynch	Jonathan Stone
Alana Wheeler	Kevin Hardzog	Michael Wright
Mark Mason	Rose Wilson	Madison Leonhart
Pennie Wolfe	David Fincher	Joshua Foreman
Itaska Rountree	Roger Taylor	Rondell Seratte
Kevin Paddyaker	Jacob Bridges	Seth Mallow
Candace Williams	Jerry Thorne	Orlando Kreizenbeck
Angela Richards	Larry Huck	Candace Williams
Timothy Romero	David Folkert	Aaron Ferguson

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tvrska@lawtonok.gov or text to 580.351.4425*

Join Children United SWOK and the Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority for a local “Dancing with the Stars” event – “Dancing for Children United” – on April 13th at Apache Casino!

This fundraising event will include a cocktail hour, sit-down dinner and some incredible community business owners and supporters entertaining the crowd, 2-by-2, in a special dance off! Funds raised will go toward building an all-inclusive playground at Elmer Thomas Park.

Write to childrenunitedswok@gmail.com for more information!



*‘Dancing for
Children United’
FUNDRAISER*

**A LETA & City
Collaboration
4.13.19 @Apache
Casino Hotel**

GET TICKETS

**WELCOME TO OUR
TEAM!**

New City Hires

[Michael Cleghorn, CM](#)
[Stacy Reyna, Finance](#)
[Brody Huggins, Streets](#)
[Tyrin Green, Library](#)
[Lidia Anderson, Library](#)
[April Ruddock, SWD](#)
[Kaleb Reeves, WD](#)
[Alice Sanavia, Library](#)
[Jason Nayak, IT](#)
[Jefferson Roberts, Eng.](#)
[Isaiah Benson, Traffic](#)
[Wilton Francis, SWC](#)
[Vannessa Ball, LPD](#)
[Clifford Martin, Traffic](#)
[Justin Row, LPD](#)

IT Director Begins with City of Lawton



The City of Lawton welcomed Gwendolyn Spencer, new Information Technology Director, on Feb. 18, 2019.

Spencer hails from Dallas and brings

information technology workforce experience in the municipal government sector, as well as healthcare and education. She was selected over more than 30 other individuals to earn the position.

"I believe that all of my technical experiences, career and educational, have prepared me for this awesome opportunity," Spencer said. "I chose the City of Lawton because of the staff and the people I met, the proximity to my immediate and extended family, and the City's hometown 'vibe.'"

Her hiring comes on the heels of the January Proposition passage, in which citizens voted to allot additional funding to IT upgrades and improvements for the City of Lawton.

Pride of the Southwest



LEFT: New LFD recruits started in the Lawton Fire Academy on January 7, 2019! This group of firefighters will spend 28 weeks learning Firefighter I and II, Haz-Mat Operations, Ropes, Auto extrication and Advanced EMT. The academy includes: Reece Maitlin, Drew Weske, Antonio Martinez-Phillips, Justin Baker, Kyle Peterman, Patrick Sprague, Matthew Reagan, Eli Hoyt and Jacob Smith.

BELOW: Dr. Harold Aldridge, Jr., performs and lectures during the Ninth Annual Soulful Story.



BELOW: Assistant City Manager Bart Hadley discusses future career opportunities with students of the LPS-AIM (Apprenticeship, Internship, Mentorship) program.



RIGHT: Mayor Stan Booker welcomes class members of Leadership Lawton Fort Sill for "Government & the Arts" Day at City Hall.

